007 2 8 2004 S

Typed or printed name

Signature

PTO/SB/21 (02-04) Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE nder the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Application Number **CATRAGE** 10/781219 TRANSMITTAL Filing Date 2/18/2004 **FORM** First Named Inventor Backes Art Unit (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) **Examiner Name** Attorney Docket Number 160-027 Total Number of Pages in This Submission **ENCLOSURES** (Check all that apply) After Allowance communication Fee Transmittal Form Drawing(s) to Technology Center (TC) Appeal Communication to Board Licensing-related Papers Fee Attached of Appeals and Interferences Appeal Communication to TC Petition (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Amendment/Reply Petition to Convert to a Proprietary Information After Final **Provisional Application** Power of Attorney, Revocation Status Letter Affidavits/declaration(s) Change of Correspondence Address Other Enclosure(s) (please **Terminal Disclaimer** Extension of Time Request Identify below): Request for Refund **Express Abandonment Request** CD, Number of CD(s) Information Disclosure Statement Remarks Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm Mary Steubing Individual name Signature Date CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 2.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 2.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

## OCT 2 8 7004 SE

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Backes et al.

Serial No.: 10/781219

Filed: 2/18/2004

Title: Apparatus for Self-Adjusting Power at a

Wireless Station to Reduce inter-channel

Interference

Attorney Docket No.: 160-027

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 33212-1450

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted before the mailing date of the first office action on the merits.

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449-Information Disclosure Citation together with copies, if required, of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware. Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 33212.

Date of Deposit: 10/24/04

Typed Name: Mary Steubing

Signature:

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Steubing/Reg. No. 37,946 Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)
Steubing McGuinness & Manaras LLP

125 Nagog Park Drive

Acton, MA 01720

Date: 10/22/64

Telephone No.: 978-264-6664

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB in number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Complete if Known **Application Number** 10/781219 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE 2/18/2004 Filing Date STATEMENT BY APPLICANT First Named Inventor **Backes** (use as many sheets as necessary) Art Unit Examiner Name 2 160-027

Sheet

1

of

Attorney Docket Number

	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner	Cite	Document Number Publication Date		Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where	
	No.1	Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
	<u> </u>	US- 2004/0137915 A1	7/15/2004	Diener et al.		
	<u> </u>	US- 2003.0207699 A1	11/6/2003	Shpak		
	1	US- 2002/0193113 A1	12/19/2002	Shibutani		
	[	US- 2002/0141375 A1	10/3/2002	Choi		
	[	US- 2003/0022686 A1	1/30/2003	Soomro et al.		
	l	US- 2002/0176437 A1	11/28/2002	Busch et al.		
		US- 2003/0002456 A1	1/2/2003	Soomro et al.	I	
		US- 2002/0060995 A1	5/23/2002	Cervello et al.		
		US- 6,741,863 B1	5/25/2004	Chiang et al.		
		US- 6,560,462 B1	5/6/2003	Ravi et al.		
		US- 6,332,007 B1	12/18/2001	Wu et al.		
		US- 6,208,629 B1	3/27/2001	Jaszewski et al.		
		US- 6,198,924 B1	3/6/2001	Ishii et al.		
		US- 6,760,748 B1	7/6/2004	Hakim		
		US- 6,111,867	12/12/1997	Mann		
		US- 6,574,477	10/6/1999	Rathunde	***************************************	
		US- 6,574,474	5/20/1999	Nielson		
		US- 6,732,163	1/5/2000	Halasz		
		US- 6,215,779	9/22/1998	Bender		
		US- 6,636,737	4/10/2000	Hills		
		US- 6,738,599	3/14/2002	Black		
		US- 6,522,881	3/8/2000	Feder		
		US- 6,208,629	3/10/1999	Jaszewski		

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document  Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Τ <sup>6</sup>		
		- Notinet - I and Good (ii anomy)				ļ		
•					•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	ļ		
			••••••					
			***************************************			ļ		
			••••••		•	ļ		

Examiner	Date	-
Examiner Signature	 Considered	

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). \*See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. \*Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). \*For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. \*Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. \*Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language

Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

PTO/SB/08B (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO				Complete if Known		
				Application Number	10/781219	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				Filing Date	2/18/2004	
				First Named Inventor	Backes	
				Group Art Unit		
				Examiner Name		
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	160-027	

	OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite, No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>			
		IEEE, Wireless LAN Mediumj Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) specifications, Standard 802.11, 1999 edition, Reference number ISO/IEC 8802-11:1999(E), 528 Pages.				
***************************************		MICHAEL BARR, "Toward a Smaller Java", Embedded.com, June 14, 2002, Pages 1-9.				
		Moustafa Youssef, "Handling Samples Correlation in the Horus System", IEEE INFOCOM 2004	•••••			
	•••••	Kin K. Leung, "Integrated Link Adaptation and Power Control for Wireless IP Networks", AT&T Labs – research , January 19, 2000.				
••••••••••••		Ana Zapater et. Al., "Development and Implementation of a Bluetooth Networking Infrastructure for the a Notebook – University Scenario", Institute of Communications Engineering, University of Hannover, May 13, 2003.				
		Walter Klotz, "Graph Coloring Algorithms", 1999.				
***************************************		Brent N. Chun et. Al., "Market-based Proportional esource Sharing for Clusters", University of California at Berkeley computer Science Division, September 1999.	**********			
		The Four Color Theorem, Web page, author(s) unknown, updated November 13, 1995.				

Examiner	Date	1	
Signature	 Considered		

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is